

[OMB Control No. 2900-0736]

Agency Information Collection Activity under OMB Review: Authorization to Disclose Personal Information to a Third Party

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, will submit the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden and it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review - Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function. Refer to "OMB Control No. 2900–0736.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 552a and 38 U.S.C. 5701, 38 C.F.R. 1.526(a) and 1.576(b).

<u>Title</u>: Authorization to Disclose Personal Information to a Third Party (VA Form 21-0845).

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<u>Type of Review</u>: Reinstatement of a previously approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 21-0845 is used to release information in its custody or control in the

following circumstances: where the individual identifies the information and consents to

its use; for the purpose for which it was collected or a consistent purpose (i.e., a purpose

which the individual might have reasonably expected). By law, VA must have a

claimants or beneficiary's written permission (an "authorization") to use or give out claim

or benefit information for any purpose that is not contained in VA's System of Records,

58VA21/22/28 Compensation, Pension, Education and Veterans Readiness and

Employment Records. The claimant or beneficiary may revoke the authorization at any

time, except if VA has already acted based on the claimant's permission.

No changes have been made to this form. The respondent burden has increased

due to the estimated number of receivables averaged over the past year.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to

a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The *Federal Register* Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on

this collection of information was published at 87 FR 216 on November 9, 2022, pages

67757 and 67758.

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 9,472 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 5 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 113,660.

By direction of the Secretary:

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